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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJECT: TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO  
PRIME MINISTER FRASER:

"AUGUST 11, 1976

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

MRS. FORD AND I WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU AND  
MRS. FRASER TO WASHINGTON, AND IT WAS A SPECIAL PLEASURE  
TO GREET YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE  
UNITED STATES SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE.

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
PARTICIPATING IN OUR BICENTENARY. THE GOVERNMENT AND  
PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA HAVE GONE TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO  
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DEMONSTRATE THEIR FRIENDSHIP IN HELPING US CELEBRATE OUR

200TH ANNIVERSARY AS EVIDENCED BY THE CHAIR OF AUSTRALIAN  
STUDIES WHICH YOU INAUGURATED AT HARVARD AND THE SPLENDID  
PERFORMANCES OF THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET THROUGHOUT THE

UNITED STATES.

AMERICANS AND AUSTRALIANS SHARE THE STRONGEST AFFINITIES  
AND HOLD IN COMMON A DEVOTION TO THE PRESERVATION OF  
LIBERTY. THE SPLENDID BOOKS WHICH YOU PRESENTED WILL  
SERVE AS PERMANENT REMEMBRANCES OF THESE DEEP TIES.

OUR TALKS, MR. PRIME MINISTER, ENHANCED THE NATURAL  
PARTNERSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED  
STATES. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTA-  
TION THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN MAINTAINED BY OUR TWO  
GOVERNMENTS.

BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL MEET THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES  
FACING OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WITH WARMEST WISHES TO YOU AND MRS. FRASER.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R.FORD

THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
JOHN MALCOLM FRASER, M.P.  
PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA  
CANBERRA"

2. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER COPY OF LETTER TO PRIME  
MINISTER FRASER. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.  
ROBINSON

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